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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Worldwide HUMINT Reporting Capability

On 27 October, in a dinner-discussion at CIA headquarters, the status of our worldwide HUMINT reporting capability was reviewed. Attached is a memorandum highlighting the discussion. The following are some points requiring possible follow-on action which came out of the discussion:

a. Better definition of what policy makers require is important to the deployment of our HUMINT resources.

b. Better dialogue on the current needs of decision makers would help in applying analytic resources appropriately.

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c. Re-allocation or augmentation of case officer assets abroad may well be required to fit in with current requirements.

d. A revised balance between long-term "seeding" operations and current reporting needs to be established.

e. There are selected countries on which better political reporting would be particularly valuable in light of current policies.

f. We need to ensure that the mechanism for updating the reporting requirements [Redacted] is well tuned and utilized.

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g. Ways need to be found to ensure that top policy makers are afforded in-depth analyses of selected topics without over-burdening them with reading.

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Meeting of 27 October 1977

Participants: Secretary of Defense Harold Brown
Attorney General Griffin Bell
Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs Zbigniew Brzezinski
Acting Director, OMB, James T. McIntyre
Chairman, JCS, General George Brown
Deputy Secretary of Defense Charles Duncan
Deputy Undersecretary of State Benjamin H. Read
Director, DIA, Lt. General Eugene Tighe, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs, David Aaron
Director, INR, Harold Saunders
Department of Justice, Kenneth Bass
Director of Central Intelligence Stansfield Turner
Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
John Blake
Director, NFAC, Robert Bowie
Director, NITC, [REDACTED]
Deputy Director for Operations, CIA, William Wells

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1. Admiral Turner, DCI, hosted a dinner-discussion meeting on Thursday, 27 October. The meeting provided a forum for an exchange of views on the nature of guidance and support to the human intelligence efforts of CIA and DoD. A principal issue was the need to learn more precisely about the policymakers' needs and interests which relate to the Intelligence Community. Admiral Turner noted that this meeting was a step in the direction suggested by PRM-11 in which he was charged with establishing a group to meet to set overall priorities for collection and production. This first round of discussion opened up a number of issues which provide the basis for follow-up actions and review.

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